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April 5, 2019

MacKenzie Farkus  
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Dear MacKenzie Farkus:

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of April 1, 2019, received by the Defense Health Agency (DHA) on April 1, 2019. Your request has been assigned Case Number 19-00173. Please provide this number in any future correspondence on this matter.

A review of your request shows that you are seeking:

*[Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:*

*Materials from 2016 onward related to the water contamination at Camp Lejeune and its subsequent health effects on those currently or formerly stationed at Camp Lejeune. Potential documents include but are not limited to correspondences containing the keywords "illness," "water contamination," and "disability benefits," reports concerning levels of current water contamination at Camp Lejeune, and brochures/pamphlets/booklets given to those impacted by Camp Lejeune's water contamination.]*

With the Freedom of Information Reform Act of 1986, Congress amended the FOIA to allow some processing costs to be passed on to the requesters. Also, the DoDM Regulation 5400.07 states, regardless of the requester's fee category, all requesters must agree to pay the likely chargeable fees associated with processing their requests. This regulation also allows the assessment of search fees even if no responsive records are located; or if responsive records are located, but determined to be exempt from release.

We have classed your request as a "media" request. As a "media" requester, you are entitled to receive 100 pages of duplicated responsive records at no charge. Additional charges will be assessed for all pages in excess of 100. As a matter of policy, the DHA does not bill requesters when their fees do not exceed \$25.00.

If you have any questions or concerns about the processing of your request under the FOIA, you may contact the FOIA Requester Service Center at (703) 275-6363.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nadine Brown".

Nadine Brown  
FOIA Compliance Manager  
DHA Privacy and Civil Liberties Office